UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

EDITH SCHLAIN WINDSOR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,,

Defendant.

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(PROPOSEE) ORDER

The Court hereby orders that:

1) Congress, should it wish to intervene in this matter, shall do so by April 2, 2011, by motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 24(a), consistent with 28 U.S.C. §530D; and

2) Counsel for the plaintiff, the Department of Justice, and any Congressional intervenor shall appear on April Pat for a conference with the Court to discuss how this case should proceed in light of the President's decision, as announced by the Attorney General on February 23, 2011, that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA"), 1 U.S.C. § 7 as applied to same-sex couples who are legally married under state law, violates the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment.

SO ORDERED.

James C. Francis

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: New York, New York March 15, 2011

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